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NOTICE TENTATIVE NPDES PERMIT AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR CITY OF ATWATER WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY MERCED COUNTY

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On 7 December 2006, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) considered renewal of NPDES Permit No. CA0079197 and continued the hearing to further consider only the limitations and monitoring for ammonia. The hearing will resume in June 2007 for this focused purpose. We are circulating Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (TWDRs)(enclosed) that propose revised ammonia effluent limitations along with supporting rationale. The revised sections of the TWDRs are highlighted in gray for convenience. The TWDRs also incorporate the late revisions considered last December by the Regional Water Board. Also enclosed is a summary of two ammonia alternatives that may be considered by the Regional Water Board. Any comments or recommendations you may have concerning the revised TWDRs must be limited to the proposed limitations and monitoring for ammonia and the proposed alternatives. Comments must be submitted to this office in writing no later than **15 May 2007** for staff to give them full consideration prior to the meeting of the Regional Water Board. Comments or information received after the final date will not be considered.

To conserve resources, a paper copy of the revised pages of the TWDRs is being sent to the persons who previously commented regarding ammonia. The complete revised TWDRs are available electronically on our web site: www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative. Paper copies can be obtained by contacting Matt Scroggins by telephone at (559) 445-6042 or by email at mscroggins@waterboards.ca.gov. Any questions concerning the revised pages and ammonia should also be directed to Matt Scroggins.

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Enclosures –Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements
Summary of Ammonia Alternatives

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